and by supportive treatment. However casas showing haemorrhagic manifestation are treated with intravenous fluid and plasma and blood transfusion indicated in ca^es of severe bleeding.

1'here is no report indicating doctois not giving proper treatment to the dengue patients admitted in the hospitals.

Exchanging of New-bom Babies in Hospitals

524. SHRl HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Ministe,- of HEAL TH AND FAMILY WELFARE be Pea sed to state:

(a) whether Government are aware t'hat the cases 0f new-born baby exchange in the Hospitals in tne capital are increasing;

(b) whether it is a fact that during the month of October, 1988, a case of ex change of new born baby has come to light from the Safdarjang Hospital, New Delhi;

(c) whether Government propose to fix responsibility in such cases; and

(d) ;f *so,* what steps Governrment propose to take against t'hose involved in such exchanges?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (d) The enquiry regarding the case of exchan:^ of baby in Safdarjang Hospital in October. 1988 is being conducted by the Additional Director General, Dr. A. K. Mukherjee, the report i; still awaited.

Newsitem captioned "Pollution in Space Hampers Vision"

525. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has be-"i drawn to the newsitem which appeared in 'The Tndian Express' dated the 17th October, 1988 under the caption "Pollunnn in space hampers vision";

(b) if so, whether accoiding to the International Astronomical Union, the Astionomers had been facing this form of pollution for the last few yeas; and

(c) what is t'ne reaction of Government in this legard and further steps prposed to be contemplated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRT K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has been sported that occasionally, due to radio interference, space debris and in some cases even the outdoor lighting the ground-based and even space-based observations of the astronomy scientists tend to get distorted. This finding was also presented in a paper during the International Astronautical Federation Cong'ess held in Bangalore during October 8—15, 1988.

rx) For tne purpose of radio astronomy, specific frequency bands are reserved. It is also ensured t'hat these frequencies aie not used for any other purpose. There has been no addition to the problem of space debris due to Indian Space Programme.

Vacancies of J«d«es i„ Supreme Courtl H'gh Courts

526. SHRI D. B CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that several posts of judges are lying vacant in the Supreme Court and High Courts;

(b) if so, the detai1s of posts of judges lyinrz vacant and since when;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government is letha'gic in appointing judges in the Supreme Court and High Courts; and

(d) if *so,* the reasons of delay in filling up the vacancies and by when the vacancies are likeiy to be filled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE ISHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The requisite information as on 1-11-88 in i espect of Supreme Court and *the* High Court$_s$ is given in the attached statement *(See* below).

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Selection of judges involves deliberation i$_n$ consultation with the concerned constitutioal authorities and is a continuous process. Government make all possible efforts to ensure that vacancies of judges are filled expeditiously. It is, however, not possible to indicate any definite time by which the vacancies will b$_e$ filled.

Statement

High Courts

Sl. No.	High Court	Vacancies		Date from which these are lying vacant	
		Pmt.	Addl.		
1	2		3	4	5
1	Allahabad	9	5	15-10-84	(A)
				15-10-84	(A)
				15-10-84	(A)
				15-10-84	(A)
				7-2-85	(A)
				19-11-87	(P)
				6-1-88	(P)
				30-1-88	(P)
				11-4-88	(P)
				12-5-88	(P)
				1-7-88	(P)
				15-7-88	(P)
				24-8-88	(P)
				6-9-88	(P)
2	Andhra Pradesh	6	2	26-11-82	(A)
				29-11-82	(A)
				17-10-87	(P)
				21-10-87	(P)
				2-2-88	(P)
				April, 88	(P)
				1-7-88	(P)
				26-10-88	(P)
3	Bombay	2	3	28-6-88	(P)
				18-10-88	(P)
				-10-88	(A)
				-10-88	(A)
				10-88	(A)
4	Calcutta	4	..	1-5-88	(P)
				20-5-88	(P)
				24-5-88	(P)
				20-7-88	(P)
5	Delhi	2	2	29-4-87	(A)
				23-10-87	(P)
				10-2-88	(A)
				17-3-88	(P)

1	2	3	4	5
6	Gauhati	1	..	15-3-88 (P)
7	Gujarat	3	3	7-6-84 (A) 26-6-84 (A) 2-4-85 (A) 3-12-87 (P) 23-7-88 (P) 21-10-88 (P)
8	Himachal Pradesh	1	1	23-9-86 (A) 24-1-88 (P)
9	Jammu & Kashmir	..	..	
10	Karnataka	3	..	8-2-88 (P) 14-2-88 (P) 5-4-88 (P)
11	Kerala	1	..	31-8-87 (P)
12	Madhya Pradesh	3	2	25-6-87 (P) 22-12-87 (P) 2-7-88 (A) 4-7-88 (A) 14-10-88 (P)
13	Madras	2	..	12-11-87 (P) 14-3-88 (P)
14	Orissa	1	1	26-6-86 (A) 5-9-87 (P)
15	Patna	6	..	17-11-87 (P) 2-1-88 (P) 2-1-88 (P) 2-3-88 (P) 11-8-88 (P) 23-10-88 (P)
16	Punjab and Haryana	1	..	4-8-88 (P)
17	Rajasthan	..	..	
18	Sikkim	1	..	21-1-86 (P)
	TOTAL	46	19	

P.....Post of Permanent Judge

A.....Post of Additional Judge

SUPREME COURT

Vacancies	*Date from which these are lying vacant*
11	8 vacancies arose on 9-5-86, when the sanctioned strength was raised from 18 to 26 Judges. 25-9-87 20-9-88 4-11-88